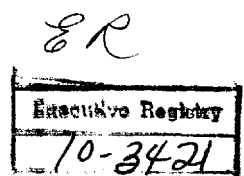


IMMEDIATE RELEASE



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May 1, 1958

Brigadier General John Magruder, U.S.A. (Ret.) will be buried tomorrow, (Friday) afternoon in the Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Services in the Fort Myer Chapel will be at 1 p.m., EDST.

The 19 honorary pallbearers are as follows:

Mr. Allen W. Dulles



Mr. Frank G. Wisner



General Thomas D. White, U.S.A.F.
Major General James Lawton Collins, U.S.A. (Ret.)
Major General Harry J. Maloney, U.S.A. (Ret.)
Brigadier General T. J. Betts, U.S.A. (Ret.)
Brigadier General W. C. Crane, U.S.A. (Ret.)
Brigadier General Hamilton E. Maguire, U.S.A. (Ret.)
Brigadier General Oscar William Koch, U.S.A. (Ret.)
Brigadier General John N. Greely, U.S.A. (Ret.)
Colonel John Nash, U.S.A. (Ret.)
Colonel J. Lawton Collins, Jr., U.S.A.
Colonel Samuel Marshall, A.U.S. (Ret.)

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Brigadier General John Magruder, United States Army, (Retired) died last night at Walter Reed Army Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, May 2, at the Chapel, Fort Myer, Va. Burial in Arlington Memorial Cemetery with full military honors. General Magruder lived at 1061 Thomas Jefferson Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. with his wife, nee Helen Schurman. They had three children, Barbara, Malcolm and Munro. Munro was killed in combat in Korea. Mrs. Magruder's father was President of Cornell University and former Ambassador to China and Germany.

General Magruder had a distinguished military career, including in particular, service with the Army Intelligence, on the War Department General Staff, and with the Office of Strategic Services. He was one of the champions of Central Intelligence and was instrumental in the establishment of the Central Intelligence Agency. He was long associated in intelligence with Allen W. Dulles, the Director of Central Intelligence.

General Magruder was graduated from the Virginia Military Academy in 1909, with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He was commissioned in the Regular Army in 1910, serving with the Infantry for one year after which he was transferred to the Field Artillery. He served in the Philippine Islands from 1913 to 1915, with the American Expeditionary Forces in France in 1918-1919; was assistant military attache in France 1926-1930; from 1932 to 1935 he was Commandant of the Virginia Military Institute, and was Military Attache at Bern, Switzerland, from 1935 to 1938. He returned to Washington in 1938 and became Chief, Intelligence Branch, War Department General Staff until 1941 when for a short

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time he commanded the Artillery of the First Infantry Division. In August 1941 he went to China as Chief of the United States Military Mission. He returned to the United States in May 1942. In March, 1943, General Magruder was designated Deputy Director of the Office of Strategic Services continuing to serve in that position under Major General William Donovan until September 1945. He was known to many newspapermen for his daily briefings at the Pentagon. He was named Director of the Strategic Services Unit, War Department, in October 1945 and served until April 1946. He was retired from active military service in September of 1946 but from 1949 to 1952 he served in the Office of Secretary of Defense on special duty.

General Magruder was born on 3 June 1887 at Woodstock, Virginia. He attended Massanutten Academy before entering the Virginia Military Institute.

He was a distinguished graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff school (1926), and of the Army War College (1931), and of the advanced course, Field Artillery school (1925).

He and Helen Schurman were married on 4 March 1922.

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Note To Editors: Rinaldi is the Funeral Director handling other arrangements.

Gen. Magruder

Army Officer Since 1910 Dies Here

Brig. Gen. John Magruder (ret.), 70, who saw service with the War Department General Staff and Army intelligence agencies, died Tuesday at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

Born in Woodstock, Va., Gen. Magruder attended Virginia Military Institute and was commissioned in the regular army in 1910.



He served in France in World War I, and participated in the battle of St. Mihiel.

In 1920 he went to Peking, where he was a military attache. He returned to this country in 1924 to attend field artillery school, and then went back to China.

The general was appointed to the faculty of VMI in 1932, but left three years later to become military attache in Berne, Switzerland. In 1939 he became chief of the Intelligence Branch of the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department General Staff.

President Roosevelt appointed Gen. Magruder to head the U. S. military mission to China in pre-war 1941 as overseer of the Lend-Lease equipment then going to Chiang Kai-Shek's army. He returned to Washington in 1943 to direct the Office of Strategic Services under Maj. Gen. William Donovan.

In 1944, Gen. Magruder served as official military analyst of the Public Relations Bureau here. He was responsible for daily press briefings on developments in the final battles of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, the former Helen Schurman, of the home address, 1601 Thomas Jefferson st. nw.; a son, Malcolm Magruder, of Tuxedo Park, N. Y.; a daughter, Mrs. Robert E. O'Brien, of Roswell, N. Mex.; two sisters; Lulu Magruder and Mrs. Charles McGee, of Woodville, Miss., and two grandsons. Another son, Munro, was killed in combat in Korea.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Friday at Fort Myer Chapel. Burial, with full military honors, will be in Arlington Cemetery.